

**Unemployment of Agriculture  
Diploma/Degree Holders**

3259. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Agriculture Colleges/Institutions in the country, State-wise break up and their intake courses in Agriculture and related discipline as on 31.3.97 with percentage of growth during the last three years;

(b) whether a large number of diploma holders/ graduates and post graduates continue to face unemployment due to less number of jobs available;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have worked out any action plan for effective utilisation of trained manpower under the new Agricultural policy during the 9th plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

**Standing Committee of Inter-State Council**

3260. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council finalised a Draft for the States;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Draft;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has suggested certain amendments to the said Draft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is seeking information regarding the consensus arrived at in the four meetings of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council on the following issues:—

(i) Alternative Scheme of Devolution of Share in Central Taxes to States.

(ii) Amendments to article 356 of the Constitution.

(iii) Centre State Financial Relations (Chapter X of the Sarkaria Commission's Report).

The Standing Committee had arrived at the following consensus in respect of Item No. (i):—

(a) (i) 26% of the gross proceeds of all Central Taxes (excluding Stamp Duty, Excise Duty on Medicinal and Toilet Preparations, Central Sales Tax, Consignment Tax and Surcharge) will be assigned to the States in lieu for the existing share in Income-Tax and Basic/Special Excise Duties and the grants in lieu of Tax on Railway Passenger fares.

(ii) In addition, 3% of gross proceeds of all Central Taxes (excluding Stamp Duty, Excise Duty on Medicinal and Toilet Preparations, Central Sales Tax, Consignment Tax and Surcharge) is to be assigned to the States in lieu of the existing share in additional Excise Duties in lieu of Sales tax on Tobacco, Cotton and Sugar. These three items may continue to be exempt from Sales Tax and additional Excise Duties in lieu of Sales Tax on these items may be merged with the Basic Excise Duties.

(b) The Alternative Scheme of Devolution of Share in Central Taxes to the States would be implemented with effect from 1.4.1996.

(c) The Scheme would be reviewed during the current Financial Year itself with a view to improving the share of the States.

The above Scheme was endorsed by the Inter-State Council in its meeting held on 17.7.1997. The Ministry of Finance has been requested to take further appropriate action.

So far as the amendment of article 356 of the Constitution of India is concerned, the Standing Committee could not arrive at a consensus. The main points of divergence were as follows:—

(i) Whether the Union Government can issue show cause notice in exceptional circumstances without the Governor's report.

(ii) Need for provision to invoke article 356 without notice if the State Government encourages action posing threat to:

(a) Secular fabric of society;

(b) National security and integrity.

(iii) Whether approval of Parliament should precede or follow the proclamation.

(iv) Whether approval should be with simple or two-thirds majority.

The matter was placed before the Inter-State Council in its meeting held on 17.7.1997 for further consideration. There was also no consensus in this meeting in regard to the amendment of article 356.

On the Centre-State Financial Relations, while the Standing Committee had reached a consensus in respect of some recommendations, the matter could not be taken up for discussion in the meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 17.7.1997.

The views of the Members of the Standing Committee including the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, were kept in view while preparing the consensus documents.

[Translation]

#### **Upphokta Kalyan Kosh**

3261. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the new-item captioned 'Upphokta Kalyan Kosh, Kalyan Sey Kesa Door' appeared in the *Navbharat Times* dated June 23, 1997;

(b) whether the Consumer Welfare Fund is not competent enough to play an important role in the welfare of common people;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The overall objective of the Consumer Welfare Fund is to provide financial assistance to promote and protect the welfare of the consumers and strengthen the voluntary consumer movement in the country particularly in the rural areas. The proposals for financial assistance from agencies/organisations engaged in consumer welfare activities for a period of not less than three years and registered under the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) or under any law for the time being in force, are processed as per the Rules and assistance is granted to all eligible organisation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply at (b) above.

[English]

#### **Use of Green House in Agriculture**

3262. SHRI L. RAMANA :  
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan to use modern technology like Green House in the agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits therefrom; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme entitled 'Use of Plastics in Agriculture' which includes the component of Green House. Assistance is being provided for construction of Low Cost, Medium Cost and High Cost Green Houses involving a maximum subsidy of Rs. 31,250 for low-cost Green House, Rs. one lakh for medium & High cost Green Houses, respectively. The benefits derived from Green Houses are as follows:

(1) it is possible to grow high quality seedlings of horticultural crops;

(2) it is possible to grow high quality flowers and foliage plants for domestic as well as export market;

(3) it is possible to grow off season vegetables;

(4) it is possible to grow vegetable under cold desert conditions.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Delhi Police**

3263. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) the number of Delhi Police personnel killed or injured while on duty, during the last three years;

(b) the prescribed proviso to provide relief and assistance to the deceased family and to the injured personnel;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal under consideration to increase the limit of monetary assistance provided to the family of the deceased or to the injured personnel in view of the high risk involved these days in the nature of duties of the police personnel including the traffic personnel; and

(d) if so, the details of such a proposal?